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25X1 9. [] Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called regarding Chairman Fulbright's request that we make available to the Committee NIEs regarding Southeast Asia. Mr. Blum said he was particularly interested in NIE-5, which had been publicly quoted and referred to extensively. He said that on the basis of his conversations with Agency representatives, who had advised him that NIEs were the property of the NSC, Chairman Fulbright had written to the White House on the matter and had received a response from Bill Timmons saying these estimates were held by the originating office and suggesting that the request for access to them should be made to Director Helms. I told Blum I would take the matter up with the Director.

25X1 10. [] Mr. Robert House, in the office of Representative Durward Hall (R., Mo.), called on behalf of a Republican committeewoman in the Congressman's district who had asked assistance in responding to some criticism concerning the Phoenix program in South Vietnam. 25X1

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5. [REDACTED] Hand-carried to Norma Nottingham, on the staff of Senator Harrison Williams (D., N.J.) a 1967 FBIS item requested by Dr. Leon Levy. I told Miss Nottingham this material was unclassified and could be forwarded to Dr. Levy.

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7. [REDACTED] Met with Lewis Vallejo, in the office of Representative J. J. Pickle (D., Texas), in response to his earlier conversation with [REDACTED] and scheduled a meeting with the office interns for 2:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon for a brief talk on the Agency.

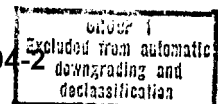
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8. [REDACTED] Met with George W. Ashworth, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and utilizing information provided by Mr. Bruce Clarke, I briefed him on the missile carrying capacity of the Soviet Y-class submarine. No further action is required.

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9. [REDACTED] Met with John Martin, Chief Counsel, House Ways and Means Committee, and discussed with him the background of various pieces of legislation involving tax exemption for disability payments. In brief Martin advised that even though there has been no change in the overall attitude of the Committee opposing such measures, anticipated changes in the composition of the Committee after January could provide a more favorable climate for consideration of an amendment to the Agency Retirement Act. He suggested we discuss the matter further immediately after the first of the year.

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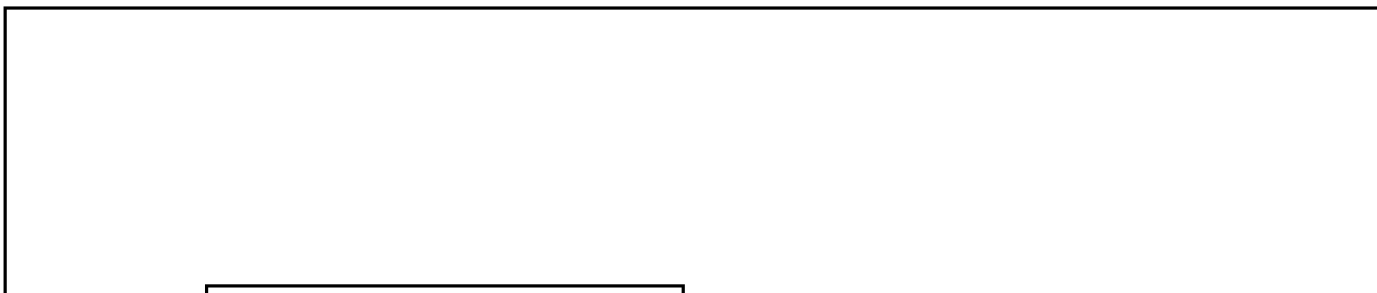
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2. [redacted] and I talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and asked him about Committee action on the Laos ceiling. Braswell said the Committee has completed its markup on the bill and has settled on a ceiling of \$360 million for expenditures in Laos including funds for AID. See Memorandum for the Record.

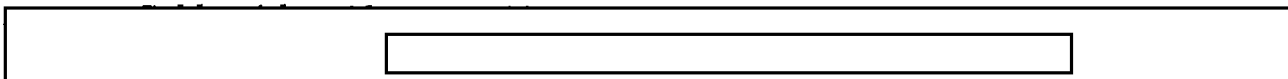
Braswell also brought up the subject of the Cooper bill (S. 2224) and expressed concern about this legislation even though he had prepared a letter for Senator Stennis which would block action by the Senate without the agreement of the Armed Services Committee. Braswell asked for our suggestions as to how the Chairman might oppose this legislation and we gave him some of our thoughts on the subject. See Memorandum for the Record.

Braswell mentioned the draft report which I had left with him on the McClellan bill (S. 3529). I assured him this was nothing of a controversial nature and said we had gone ahead with our submission of the draft letter to OMB for clearance. He said this was fine.

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3. [redacted] John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called regarding the Hersh story alleging Agency involvement in "Rainmaking" in the New York Times of 3 July. He said we could expect questions on this matter. See Memorandum for the Record.

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4. [redacted] Picked up from the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy the transcript of the Director's briefing of the Committee on 13 June.

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